Sermon Outline

The Glory of God's Word

Psalm 19:7-9
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A. God’s Word Contains No Lies (vs. 7&8; Hebrews 6:18):

1. Notice how in each case “of the Lord” qualifies the subject of these sentences, as if to emphasize the psalmist’s own commitment and to claim that no other source can provide the quality and fullness of life here being offered.¹
2. God’s teachings and instructions concerning our life are pleasing to God’s righteous nature.
3. The law is wholeheartedly God’s complete commitment to service us so that we lack nothing.
4. God’s laws are dependable because they are unmovable and can therefore be fully trusted.
5. God’s directions for life contain no error so they must be obeyed.
6. God’s divine directives are like perfect offerings in His presence.
7. No matter what trials we experience, God’s Word will stand the test of times.
8. God’s Word, when we come before Him, will stand firmly before Him in His presence.

B. God’s Word is Life (vs. 7&8):

1. The Word of God refocuses our lives. It brings our inner most being back to walking right before Him. Because the Word lacks nothing, it revives our inner most being from the despair that life can cause. Paul says we may be “perplexed, by not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed….” (2 Cor. 4:8-9).
   a). The word employed, mĕshibah, is used of restoring from disorder and decay (Ps. 80:19), from sorrow and affliction (Ruth 4:15), from death (1 Kings 17:21, 22). ²
   b). As such, counting all negative tendencies in life, it can “revive” the soul,

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2. The Word makes those who may not be mature believers insightful in their decision making. The Word blesses those who are young in the faith to make the right choices.

3. The Word of God, when trusted daily, becomes practical even for those who may be young in the faith.

4. God’s provision of wisdom leads to no mistakes (2 Peter 1:9-11), producing spontaneous joy that comes from inner most feelings of a believer. So the Word of God restores the soul, and brings spontaneous happiness to from the inner most feelings of a believer.

5. The Word of God makes clear the path that a person must take.
   a). This leads to “enlightening the eyes,” that is, a true understanding of what life is all about (cf. Ps.119:30)

6. The Word of God creates understanding so that a believer can work in wisdom and joy.

C. God’s Word Keeps us from Drifting (vs. 9; Romans 12:2; Hebrews 2:1-4):

   1. Respect for the superiority and all-powerful nature of God should be reflected in our attitude and manner in which we live our lives each day.
   2. The fear of the Lord keeps our lives from becoming contaminated by the world. The fear of the Lord guides us into a Godly lifestyle.
   3. God’s righteous judgments are never false. They expose what His decisions mean in real life experiences.
   4. God’s decisions about various issues are always right and just in all circumstances. As a result, His Word should be the only thing that matters when we face life’s issues.

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